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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SY
COVERAGE FROM THE VERY START OF CONSTRUCTION ALTHOUGH WE
CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, RE-
PEATEDLY TOLD THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT
WE COULD MAKE NO PROVISION FOR HOUSING FOR FBO AND SY PROJECT
EMPLOYEES UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED THE APPROXI-
MATE NUMBERS AND ESTIMATED THEIR ARRIVAL DATES. WHEN THIS
IS DONE, WE TOLD THE DEPARTMENT IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST
18 MONTHS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY HOUSING FROM THE SOVIETS
AND PERHAPS LONGER. THEREFORE, IF THE DEPARTMENT WERE
TO SPECIFY THE FBO AND SY HOUSING NEEDS TOMORROW, WE
COULD NOT PROVIDE THE APARTMENTS BEFORE OCTOBER 1978,
AND PERHAPS SOMEWHAT LATER. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT WORK
WILL BEGIN ON THE FOUNDATIONS BEFORE THAT. ONE POSSIBLE
SOLUTION WOULD BE TO BUILD TEMPORARY HOUSING ON THE
EMBASSY SITE FOR FBO AND SY EMPLOYEES. WE ARE NOT IN A
POSITION TO JUDGE HOW PRACTICAL THAT APPROACH MIGHT BE,
BUT IT IS WORTH EXPLORING. FYI WE HAVE PLANNED TO PROVIDE
SOME FBO/SY OFFICE SPACE IN THE EMBASSY BY EARLY
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THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL.

2.RE PARA 2 OF 82268, THE CANADIANS HERE FEEL THAT THERE
MUST BE A MISUNDERSTANDING, PROBABLY IN OTTAWA. WHAT
THEY HAD SUGGESTED WAS THAT IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN NAME CHECKS
THEY WOULD GO THROUGH WASHINGTON SINCE THE FILES WERE

BETTER. FOR INFORMATION ON DISSIDENTS, HOWEVER, THE AND
WE BOTH FIND IT USEFUL TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION HERE. OF
COURSE, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH EXCHANGES IN WASHINGTON AS
WELL. CANADIANS TELL US THAT THEY WILL GO BACK TO OTTAWA
WITH THE SAME MESSAGE.
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